

Procedures for Including Home School Students in State Alternate Assessments

Students who are in a home schooling program that is approved by the district board of trustees **must** participate in the annual statewide testing program for their appropriate grade in compliance with S.C. Code Ann., § 59-65-40 (1990). This includes students whose level of performance is consistent with the participation guidelines for alternate assessment. Students must participate in SC-Alt in grades 3-8 or 10. Individual information on results of home school students who participate in alternate assessments will be provided, however, the results will not be included in the school or district summary reports.

The following procedures should be followed to ensure that home school students meeting the alternate assessment participation criteria are included in statewide assessments.

During the testing window, a trained and certified district employee (test administrator) will assess the student. The parent has the option of bringing the student to the school for the assessment or requesting the assessment in the student's place of instruction. The parent is responsible for paying the test administrator if the test is administered in the student's home.

A certified district employee must provide the parent with a copy of the SC-Alt Assessment Standards and Measurement Guidelines to ensure that the student has access to instruction within the South Carolina curriculum standards.

The student's score sheet must be returned to the contractor with other district materials from the district and labeled as a home school student.